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For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR  
EVALUATING VIRAL RECEPTOR/CO-  
RECEPTOR USAGE AND INHIBITORS OF  
VIRUS ENTRY USING RECOMBINANT  
VIRUS ASSAYS

Attorney Docket No.: 11068-008-999

**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Sir:

Applicants have carefully considered the Office Action mailed September 6, 2005, in connection with the above-captioned patent application. Applicants kindly request reconsideration of the claims in light of the amendments and remarks that follow, and the interview held December 19, 2005. Filed herewith are:

- 1) a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for three months' extension of time for response;
- 2) a Declaration under Rule 132 of Robert C. Doms; and
- 3) a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.